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MINUTES-May Retreat

Board Meeting-Radisson Inn

Thursday and Friday, May 9th & 10th, 2002

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by board chair, Amy Benz. Board members who were present for the meeting were Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness, Dan Vainonen. ESPB office staff present was Deb Jensen, Diane Weber and Janet Welk. Visitors present were Gary Gronberg, DPI, Roman Weiler from the State Association of Nonpublic Schools, Linda Edwards and Joe Westby from NDEA, Jerry Roth and August Ritter, Mark Wilson and Don Fischer from Vocational Education and Bill Peterson from the AG's Office.

Board members who did not attend the meeting on Thursday were Randy Gordon and Kirk Welstad. Board members who did not attend the meeting on Friday were Laura Carney, Randy Gordon, Jack Rasmussen, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. ESPB office staff who did not attend were Deb Jensen and Diane Weber.

A motion was made by Laura to approve the April minutes as written. Second by Dan. Motion carried. Board members who were in agreement were Dan Vainonen, Bev Sandness, Marianna Malm, Chris Douthit, Laura Carney and Amy Benz. Jack Rasmussen and Doug Johnson were not present at the time of the approval of the minutes.

The April financial statement showed revenue received \$29,536.80, total expenses \$24,462.40 with a net income of \$5,074.40. A motion was made by Chris to approve the April financial report. Second by Marianna. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Marianna Malm, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen. Jack Rasmussen and Doug Johnson were not present at the time of the approval of the financial report. Diane informed the board that 70, five-year renewal applications were being held for the end of the 2001-02 school years. Some of these renewals would be ready to process by the middle of next week.

Budget discussion was held on Friday. A motion was made by Doug to spend \$3,000 for a grant writer for the Higher Education Act, Title II funding on teacher quality. Second by Marianna. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Amy Benz, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm and Bev Sandness.

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A motion was made by Doug and seconded by Bev to maintain a \$250,000 cash balance and use anything over for professional development. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Amy Benz, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm and Bev Sandness. It is expected that the professional development dollars for the 2002-03 year will be approximately \$30,000.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Marianna to accept the above changes and proposed budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. This budget included a four-percent salary increase for all full-time staff members. Motion carried. Board members who were in agreement were Amy Benz, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm and Bev Sandness.

It was the last meeting for four board members. Board members with terms expiring are Doug Johnson and Randy Gordon. It was also the last meeting for Bev Sandness and Jack Rasmussen. Bev is retiring from Minot Public Schools and Jack is leaving the state due to employment in Utah. Amy presented awards to Doug, Bev and Jack for their years of service on the board. We will miss not seeing these familiar faces and their educational expertise. The PAAC higher education liaison appointment was put on hold at this time.

The board set dates for the 2002-03 meeting dates. It was suggested that past, current and new board members be invited to attend the first meeting which is scheduled in August.

Discussion was held on the ETS-Pre Professional Skills Testing cuts scores. Effective July 1, 2003, applicants must meet or exceed the ND cuts scores of 173 in reading & writing and 170 in math. Effective July 1, 2002, students must submit their PPST test scores when submitting their applications for licensure. A motion was made by Laura to accept the agreed cut scores of 173 in reading & writing and 170 in math. Second by Doug. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen.

Credential discussion was once again held. ESPB's intend when taking on the role of issuing credentials was to streamline credentialing for educators with no duplication of services and less confusion, etc. The Council of Educational Leaders was in opposition of the change. It was Janet's recommendation to not take over the issuance of credentials. A motion was made by Doug to accept the recommendation. Second by Laura. Motion carried. Board members in agreement were Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness, Dan Vainonen, Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson and Marianna Malm.

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Discussion was held on the implications for No Child Left Behind and a definition to determine "highly qualified teacher". Implications for North Dakota could mean:

- new educators would need to be tested in their content area beginning 2005
- no longer would educators be able to teach in minor areas
- no longer would we issue interim/emergency licenses
- educators/local school boards/districts may be looking to higher education to provide courses needed to upgrade minor to major.

Jerry Roth and August Ritter presented an update on the clinical practices options.

Janet wanted thoughts from the board on setting the critical shortage areas for the 2002/2003 school year. A motion was made by Chris to leave the shortage areas as last year. All areas were set as critical shortage areas except elementary education, social studies and physical education. Second by Jack. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen. Doug Johnson was absent when this vote was taken.

CASES

Kendall, James

Bill Peterson reported to the board that Mr. Kendall has agreed to surrender his teaching license. His revocation information will be placed on the national clearinghouse due to sexual misconduct with a minor. (NDCC 15-36-15)

Boschert, Kevin

A motion was made by Bev to deny the issuance of a two-year, renewal license. Second by Jack. Motion carried. The board made their decision due to the convicted offenses having a direct bearing upon his ability to serve as an educator. Mr. Boschert may reapply for licensure after June 15, 2003. Board members who voted in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen. Bill Peterson will notify Mr. Boschert regarding the board's decision. Mr. Boschert had expressed an interest in summer school employment in Fargo. He has not been under contract since 1985. (ND Admin. Code 67.1-02-02-06)

Thompson, Arthur

A motion was made by Doug to deny issuing a two-year, restricted native language license. Second by Dan. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Dan Vainonen, Bev Sandness, Jack Rasmussen, Marianna Malm, Doug Johnson, Chris Douthit, Laura Carney and Amy Benz. Because of Mr. Thompson's extensive background, the board had requested documentation of

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alcohol treatment or alcohol evaluation. There was no response from Mr. Thompson. Tate Topa Tribal School at Fort Totten had expressed an interested in employing Mr. Thompson as their native language instructor. (ND Admin. Code 67.1-02-02-06)

Thorson, Kristi

No discussion was held on this case. The office is waiting for a response from Ms. Thorson.

Wolff, Harvey

Mr. Wolff's revocation will be placed on the national clearinghouse due to sexual misconduct with a minor. (NDCC 15-36-15)

Worrell, Alan

Mr. Worrell's revocation will be placed on the national clearing house due to sexual misconduct with a minor. (NDCC 15-36-15)

Barnhardt, Michael

A motion was made by Doug to dismiss the case. Second by Jack. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen. The board felt that proper procedures had been followed at the local level. Mr. Barnhardt is employed at Center Public Schools as a science instructor. A request for inquiry was filed due a code of ethics issue.

Gilbert, Everett

Mr. Gilbert was released from his contract from Eight Mile Public School District in Trenton. The board has concerns regarding the contract release wording, the school district agreeing not to notify ESPB. The school will be contacted to find out what happened while Mr. Gilbert was employed.

Kilbourn, Floyd

A motion was made by Laura to issue a two-year license renewal. Second by Bev. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Dan Vainonen, Bev Sandness, Jack Rasmussen, Marianna Malm, Doug Johnson, Chris Douthit, Laura Carney and Amy Benz. Mr. Kilbourn's license renewal was brought before the board due to a criminal conviction. He is employed at Dakota Memorial School in Minot.

Scrivner, Pam

A motion was made by Jack to dismiss the case. Second by Doug. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen. Ms. Scrivner's case was brought before the board due

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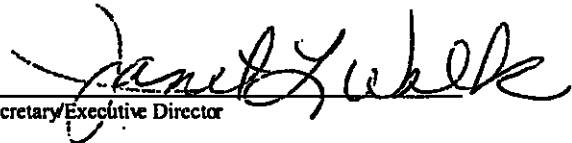
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to criminal charges that were filed and dropped. The board's decision was based on the incident which happened at the home of Ms. Scrivner and not at the school. Ms. Scrivner had resigned from the Hankinson Public School system.

Wentz, Thomas

Mr. Wentz received a two-year renewal license. The renewal payment was returned due to a closed account. The office has tried to reach Mr. Wentz thru means of certified mail. The board would like the office to monitor.


Chair


Secretary/Executive Director